

SAFETY ON THE LINE

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He who is not courageous enough to take risks will accomplish nothing in life.

-Muhammad Ali



AGENCY SAFETY INITIATIVES (ASI)

NASA administrator Dan Goldin has recently established the

philosophy that **"safety is the highest core value"** within NASA - a great challenge

considering the organizational dynamics that the Agency is enduring. Safety has always been a top priority in NASA, indicated by the safety professionals on staff at each NASA Center. Many other organizations in DOD and industry also have excellent safety records using safety professionals on their staff. For example, during KSC's recent training sessions provided by DuPont, they demonstrated that safety is rigorously managed as one of their core values with proactive support from their line employees and safety professionals.

Therefore, what Dan Goldin expects is the spirit of safety be decentralized into the entire KSC workforce, from Roy Bridges down to the mascot, if we had one. This is the reason why every civil service employee recently had specialized training in identifying workplace hazards. In the mean time, the functions of the current KSC civil service safety professional are transitioning from a safety doer to a safety consultant and educator. Please understand that transitioning safety responsibilities and accountability from the safety organization to the line organizations are not the primary objective of this effort, but instead, are meant to firmly establish **"safety as the highest core value"** within every employee at KSC and within the Agency.

There are many ASI tasks in work, some being managed by NASA Headquarters, and others managed by the different Center Directors. Regardless of the owner, the result is that NASA will be part of a safety culture change benefiting our employees, customers, and our future. It is vital that we provide our full support to these important initiative!

Super Safety Day Question & Answer



QUESTION: To what extent can a person administer first aid when no trained medical help is available immediately?

ANSWER: A first responder can do a lot in an emergency such as opening an airway, providing rescue

Breathing and/or CPR, stopping bleeding, etc. Even if you know nothing about first aid, just recognizing that an emergency exists and calling 911 (on KSC, dial 1 or 7-7911, or from a cellular phone, dial 861 or 867-7911) can save a life! Remember to protect yourself in an emergency situation and be sure that the scene is safe before approaching the victim.

This Super Safety Day question answered by Larry Davis, Health Training Administrator with Comprehensive Health Services. Call him at 867-2027 for more information.

Can you
check this?

Is a clear space of
30"X36"
maintained in front
of electrical panels
and cabinets?

**Area Safety Checklist
EL03**



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